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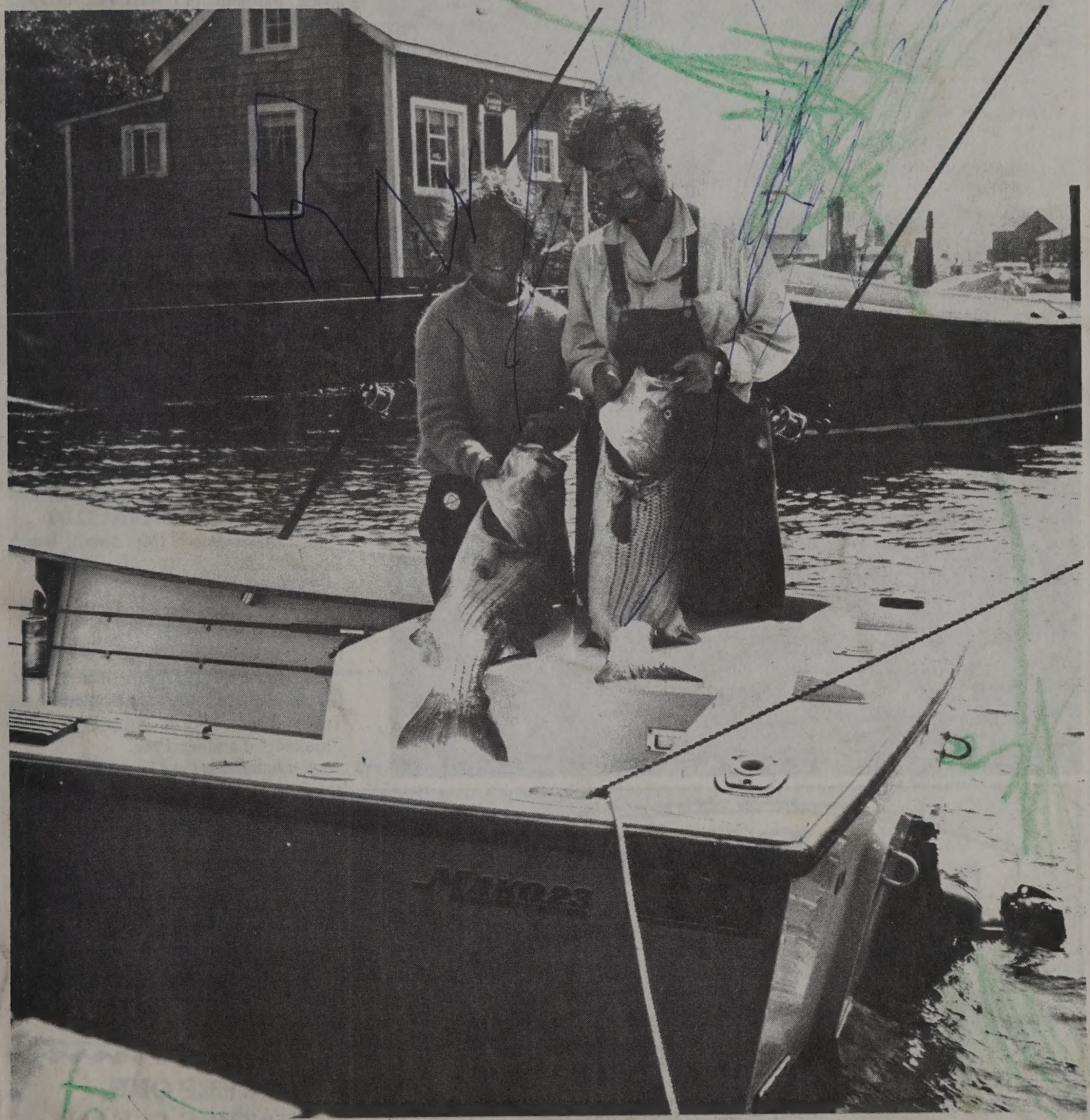

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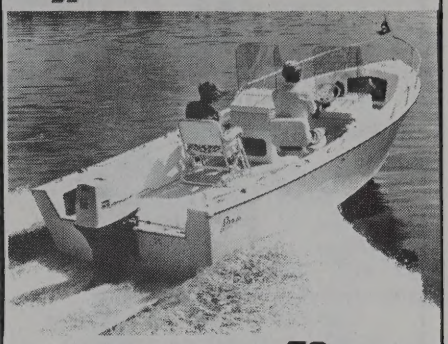

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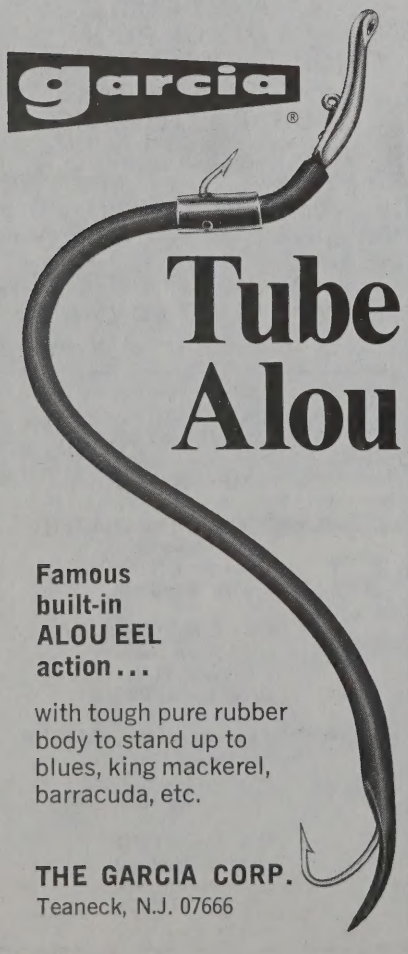

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BOOK REVIEW: by Al Reinfelder

MODERN SALTWATER SPORT FISHING, by Frank Woolner, 319 pp., hard cover, $8.95, Crown, New York, N.Y.

Although Frank Woolner peppers the text of his latest volume with pleasant snarls at the current, less respectful generation, he himself exemplifies some of the best of the new attitudes - "telling it like it is," and wasting no time fawning over tradition. Modern Saltwater Sport Fishing is a most enjoyable experience - a long, sit-down chat with the master. It is no "Simpleton's Guide to Salty Sports," but a sea chest of lore and learning.

One of the finest characteristics of the book is a slight imbalance in favor of material which is not ordinarily covered in texts of similar title. When choices have to be made, Woolner steers toward what he knows best, what is not well documented and what generally goes unsaid.

The text moves easily from an introductory chapter on the sport's beginnings to the tools of the trade. Pages 13-78 cover rods, reels, lines, leaders, connections, hooks, terminal rigs and lures. In the best of the Woolner-Lyman "Tackle Talk" tradition, a great deal of solid information is delivered in a minimum of tight, but strongly flavored prose. Yet there is material here for quibbling:

Woolner falls prey to commercial double talk when he discusses Micron Line as if it were made of a synthetic difference from Dacron. Both are the same, though Micron receives a resin coating which holds the braid together - during first use.

"Never use monofilament for backing!" is one of those absolute statements which Woolner has blue penciled on thousands of SWS manuscripts. Frank is referring to wire line backing, and he recommends Dacron. Mono works fine as a wire line backing, while Dacron - unless it is packed drum tight - allows the wire to slip between the strands and jam up at the worst possible time.

Yet - in the context of a vertable mountain of information on reel designs, rod structures, lines characteristics, knot technology and lure varieties - such comments are but minor detractions. There is more bedrock in Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5 than in whole libraries by lesser authors.

One of the best surf pieces ever written, is Chapter 9, "The High Surf." I just read and learned. Chapter 10, "Lines Astern," on trolling, is the last one in which I have any quarrels with the author. Yet despite my minor nit-picks, this chapter, too, is a virtual flood of information - which includes some things not seen elsewhere in print.

Chapter 14, "Fish For Cash," is an example of how wisdom differs from smartness. Woolner exhibits the former.

Woolner concludes with two outstanding sections, the first on the world's great fishing hot sports "Great Grounds" a stimulating world-tour of mouth watering honey holes; and the second on the future of marine angling.

"The sea remains a lush frontier. We have yet to destroy the ecology of the salt chuck, but, of course, we'll do that too - if we continue on our present collision course. There is one bitter consolation: It will take many years. And there is one almost infinitesimal glimmer of hope: we now witness a citizen ground swell of outraged protest against flagrant desecration. Perhaps man will slacken his ferocious assault upon the life-giving biological ecosystem, if only in self-defense. We can only hope that there is still time to do so."

Woolner is our sports historian, poet and philosopher - as well as a technical master. Read him and heed him.

N.Y. TAGGED STRIPER TAKEN IN MARYLAND

A tagged striped bass was taken off Polar Island in Maryland by a Mr. B. Murphy on the first of March, this year. The tag number was 47818, and the fish was originally caught (and tagged) by Bill Martino at Prybil Beach, Glen Cove, on September 26, 1972.

CONCERN OVER CORN CHUM

To Whom it may Concern:

I am concerned about the article in your March 22 issue, No. 10 of the Long Island Fisherman, about the corn used as chum and bait.

If this is really true about corn clogging up the intestinal system of flounders and other fish, I think it should be stopped right away, before it is too late.

Flounders are the most popular fish in the State of New York. I think a law should be passed as soon as possible, or a very large fine given to the people who use corn for fishing.

I enjoy fishing, especially for flounder. I think it would be terrible if the flounders were to start dying off.

A concerned fisherman,
Kevin Rooney

NEW YORK OCEAN SCIENCE LAB SUFFERS FIRE LOSS: SEEKS PUBLIC AID

In the wake of a recent fire that destroyed four boats of the New York Ocean Science Laboratory's fleet of five research smallcraft at Montauk, Dr. John C. Baiardi, director of the Laboratory, issued an appeal for public aid in replacing the boats and other equipment.

"Insurance will not cover replacement costs of all the equipment," the scientist said, "and the Laboratory is in immediate need of craft such as Boston Whalers, Chris Craft outboards and baymen type dories to be used in our programs of monitoring inshore waters of bays and estuaries."

"Also we are in need of boat trailers, particularly the tandem four-wheel type trailers," Dr. Baiardi said.

Another major piece of equipment lost in the blaze was the mobile laboratory, a small house trailer equipped for on-site laboratory work. Dr. Baiardi said the Laboratory would like to replace the unit with a motor home type vehicle such as those bearing the trade name "Winnebago."

NYOSL, a non-profit coastal oceanographic research institute operated by a consortium of eight universities and colleges is hard pressed for funds in its current work. In addition to allocations from the state, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and the member institutions, the Laboratory solicits support and contributions from the general public.

All contributions are acknowledged for taxes purposes.

The building in which the smallcraft fleet was being housed was a former hanger building,150 feet in length and width and 70 feet high. It was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin the night of March 15. Volunteer firemen from Montauk, Amagansett and East Hampton fought the blaze from 11:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. to confine it to the one structure.

WATERED-DOWN WETLANDS BILL CALLED A "PHONEY" – SOUND ACTION URGES AMENDMENT

The bill to protect New York State's tidal wetlands (Bill A379-S1525) passed by the New York State Assembly, was described today as a "total phoney."

"It has been so weakened by political compromise that its effectiveness is highly questionable," stated Mrs. John H. Mathis,Coordinator of Sound Action.

Mrs. Mathis said, "New York is the only state on the Eastern Seaboard that does not have legislation protecting its tidal wetlands.

The bill, sponsored by Peter J. Costigan of Long Island, would restrict development of wetlands by private concerns or indeviduals. But it specifically exempts the state by these words, "the provisions of this act shall not be applicable to any lands now or hereafter appropiated by the state or any agency or department thereof under the power of eminent domain for a valid public purpose."

Mrs. Mathis continued, "An amendment to make the state also subject to this bill, unfortunately, failed by five votes. It appears to us that the legislators are setting up double standards; these controls while fine for private enterprise or individuals leaves the state free to destroy wetlands."

The amendment was obviously defeated because the Governor feared the bill could then be used to block projects such as the Rye-Oyster Bay Causeway/ Bridge. There are thousands of acres of wetlands in the path of proposed bridge, both in Long Island and Westchester, that are threatened with destruction. The value of these wetlands is well documented; they serve as producers of marine life, are a breeding area for bird and other wildlife, act as a natural buffer for storm and flood protection and are educational laboratories. More than 20% of Long Island's tidal wetlands have been lost in the past nine years. The loss of any further wetlands would be extremely costly to both Westchester's and Long Island's ecosystem.

Mrs. Mathis said, "We are pleased to have the support of Save Our Bays in the bridge fight. They are concerned with the preservation of the south shore of Long Island and know that if the bridge is built the newly generated traffic would force construction of a connecting highway from the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway across the south shore wetlands to the South Nassau Expressway."

Mrs. Mathis concludes with this plea, "The bill, S1525, will be introduced in the State Senate any day now. Another effort to amend it is expected. A strong public outcry could make the difference; we urge everyone to write or wire his State Senator, Senate Chamber, Albany 12224, urging a yes vote, only if the amendment requiring that the state also abide with these wetlands restrictions is passed."

Sound Action is an organization dedicated to the enactment of sound legislation that will help protect and preserve Long Island Sound. Further information is available from Box 174, Rye, N.Y. 10580.

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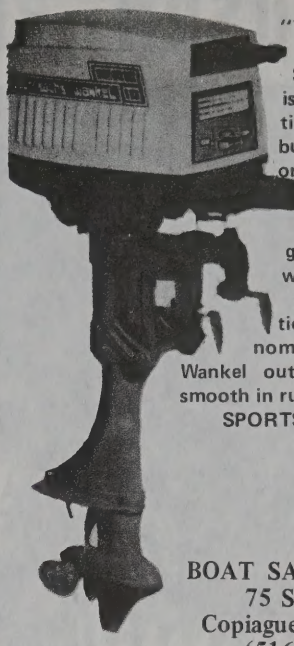

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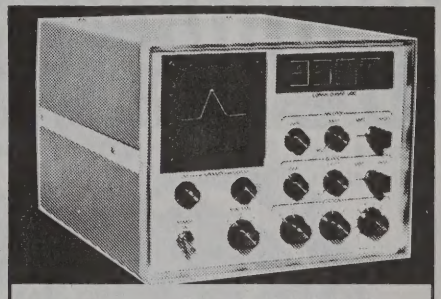

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HUDSON RIVER PRIMER - PART II

Above West Point, at Bannermans Island, 20 to 40 pound bass are not unusual, but with such little fishing pressure, most catches go unnoticed.

The Highlands, shad and 50 lb. STRIPERS

by PETE BARRETT

HE MID-REGION of the Hudson River holds tremendous potential for the sport fisherman, and the waters in this region can be considered as virgin territory. Boaters blissfully enjoy the scenic vistas and the panorama of the changing mountains that were rounded out ages ago by the retreating glaciers. Now youngsters and locals drowned bloodworms for perch, catfish and eels, when all the while the spawning run of a great gamefish goes by undetected and undisturbed - right under their noses.

Spawning occurs in the waters from Peekskill to just above Bannermans Island; and so, this is the stretch of water where trophy catches are most likely to be made, yet only a handful of tight-lipped regulars fish here. I personally have seen photos of stripers and validated reports of bass weighing up to 43 pounds and a recent report to members of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association told of a 50+ pounder that a proud angler had preserved in his freezer to display at appropriate times to his buddies!

Above Bannermans Island and up to the town of Claverack, stripers are caught by locals on bucktails at the mouth of Murderers Creek, the Middle Grounds Flats, Rogers Island and at the entrance to Catskill Creek. Blue bucktails of 1/4 to 3/8 oz. are the typical fish catchers, with Rapalas running a close second. Stripers to 15 pounds are caught here until late June and even into July if the weather remains cool.

There is a unique intermingling of salt and fresh water gamefish in the mid-river environment and fishermen are likely to catch not only striped bass, but also pickerel, perch, smallmouth bass, large herring, snapper bluefish and tom cod, eels and catfish.

Each stream and creek or marsh outflow which enters the river provides excellent opportunities for the small boatman, shore caster or especially the canoeist manuevering a shallow craft drifting shiners or casting bucktails and lures which are deadly on smallmouth and stripers both. Claverack Creek at the deep hole under the Rt. 9G bridge is perhaps the best location.

Everett Nack is the man to see for first-hand information and a call to his tackle shop in Claverack on Old Lin Rd. (914) TL 1-2901 will give you current reports.

Further down river near Kingston c the Esopus, smallmouth bass are als

abundant and a huge specimen of better than 7 pounds was taken last year on a live shiner and verified by Roy's Bait & Tackle on Rt. 32 in Rosendale just outside of Kingston. Roy Schneider can be reached at (914) TL 8-9928.

Shad are the enigma of the Hudson River. Since revolutionary times, this important commercial and sports fish has enjoyed periods of population booms and drastic declines. Netters themselves may have been responsible by depleting the stock so badly that the catch would be reduced for many years. As recently as 1942, the commercial catch exceeded 4 million pounds. By 1960 the catch had dwindled to a low of 100, 000 pounds annually.

It is interesting to note that in 1873, Livingston Stone of the U.S. Fish Commission stocked Hudson shad in the Sacremento River, California in a successful transplant of eastern fish in western waters. More than a decade later, in 1886, stripers were also introduced to our western waters.

Unlike shad in the Connecticut River, which tend to pool up, Hudson fish are believed to be too dispersed to offer good angling possibilities. However, after much experimenting and utilizing new techniques, Bob Boyle thinks he may have found the answer. The sand bars above Kingston known as the Flats, the Hogs Back, Saddlebags and Green Flats do bring the fish together in concentrated schools where sports fishing methods may prevail over these fine fish. Edwin C. Kent, an angler of the 1880's, wrote accounts of taking snapper bluefish, herring and spent shad on fly tackle at Diamond Reef near Wappingers Creek. It is only a matter of time before sports fishing for shad in the Hudson is proven effective.

Tom Lake is one of those dedicated river rats who take their striper fishing seriously. With the rock embankment at Cornwall all to himself, Tom nailed two stripers of 22 pounds and 17 pounds on bloodworms. In between the big fish, he caught and released dozens of smaller bass. Tom fished the incoming tide last season using worms for bait and lures like the Atom popper, Creek Chub popper, Whopper Stopper and Mee-Mee.

Across the way is Bannermans Island and Denning Point - the heart of the spawning grounds. Live liners using herring, perch and eels have been quietly packing away a number of bass each year in the 20 to 40 pound class. This is one spot that I say I'll try each year, but somehow manage to stay content in Croton Bay. Maybe this year.

Looking at Chart 282 (Coast & Geodetic Survey) will show two deep holes at Cold Spring. This is prime striper water for boaters trolling bucktails and spoons. Umbrella rigs may also work although I know of no one who has tried them here. Casting from the Penn-Central trestle on an outgoing tide results in bass to 15 pounds, with bloodworms the correct bait.

Still going south and directly across from West Point is the Constitution Marsh. HRFA members seined stripers here for research purposes with Bob Pond and Avis Boyd of Stripers Unlimited. While waiting for the net to be readied, Larry Bargelini and Willie Cafasso took advantage of a school of top water feeders and cast pink bucktails to come up with a few 5 pounders. They were quite satisfied with themselves, but you should have seen their faces when a fisherman on the trestle went to leave, dragging a bass of about 20 pounds! This is a good spot from shore or from a boat. Obviously, bucktails work, as do bloodworms and probably plugs.

The mouth of Popolopen Creek near Bear Mountain Park and the outlet of Manitou Marsh across the river attract stripers in the spring as succulent food

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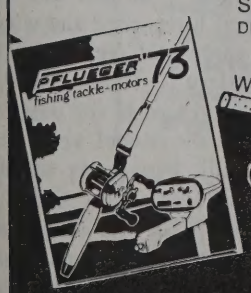

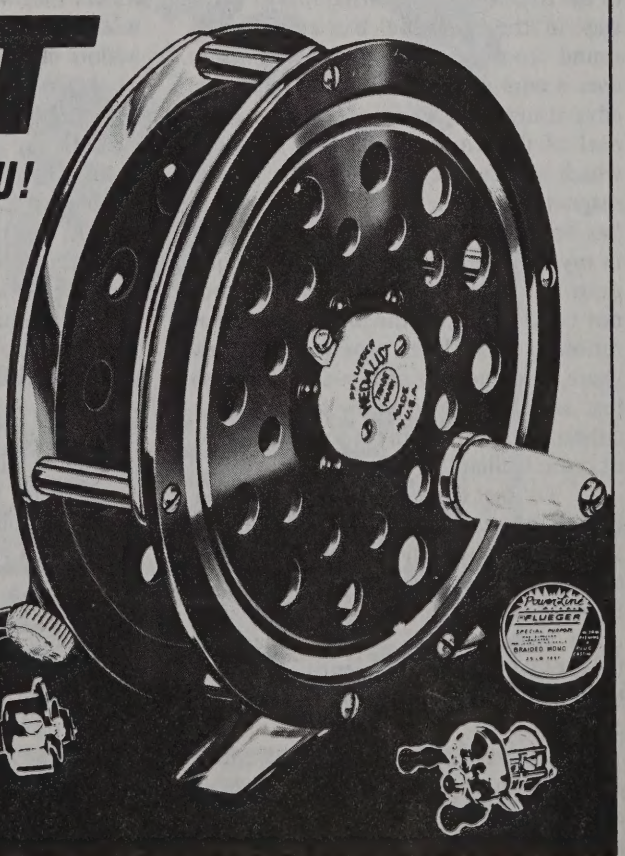

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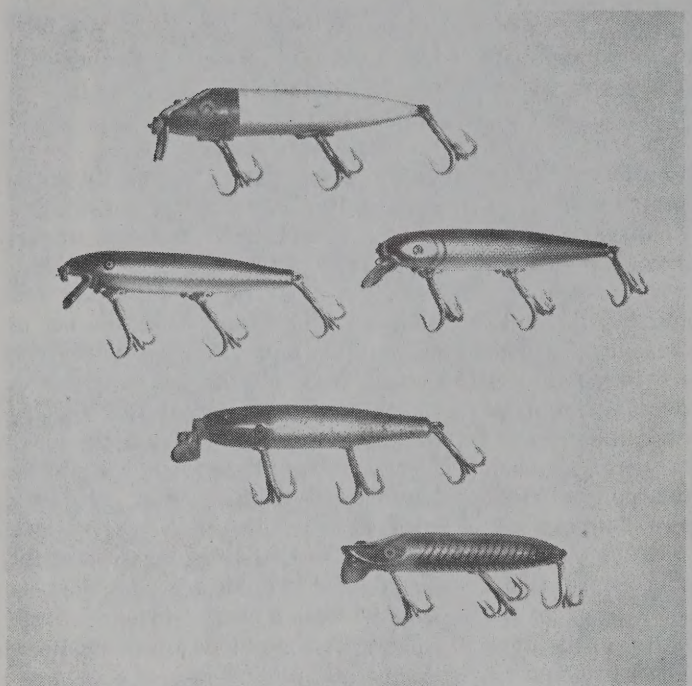
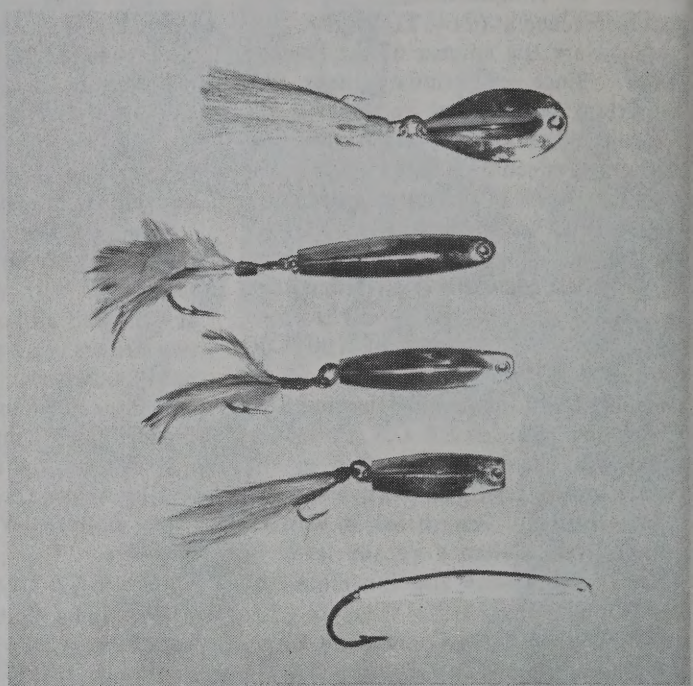


Top to bottom: Jinx, Pal-O-Mine & Mustang, Vamp, Spook.



Top to bottom: Porkrind Tin Squid, F.T. Jr., Charlie Graves J-5, Charlie Graves J-8, Butterfish Tin Squid.

by Dick Mermon

URES COME AND lures go with the start and closing of each season, and many never get the chance to hit the top of the fishermen's list. What makes a lure stay in the ol' fishin' bag and hang around from year to year? Many times over a company will put out a fantastic advertising campaign and catch a great deal of fishermen. These are the ones which human eye appeal gives a terrific magnetic human pull. To me a lure has to prove its worth to earn a spot in my bag the next year, or out it goes, onto the rack of "uncatchables," but not on the rack of the old reliables that retired. Some lures produce for a few years, and then all of a sudden the fish just seem to get to know them, or the fishermen tire of them for something new or more brilliant in color.

To me these old lures are never retired permanently. I try to replace some of them with new ones of the same model, but there are times when I have to make the change, as time and progress never stand still for anyone. Many of these old reliables have been discontinued by their manufacturers and very few are available.

First at the top of my list and is always with me, is a lure that has been around for some twenty years. This is the fabulous "Big Daddy", the Atom 40. The use of spinning tackle and the trend towards light lures has finally put an end to one of the greatest striped bass killers that was ever on the market. The wooden version topped the list in the action of the lure. The wiggle - waggle of this swimmer brought instant action, any time of the day or night in all water conditions. This lure was one that I will mourn for a long time. When I first started to use it, I could not believe that it was the greatest of all the lures. Joal Abromson, of Long Beach, L.I. was the one to start me off with it; believe it or not a bass of about six pounds hit the thing so hard that the head hook was in its mouth, the middle hook in gill cover, and the tail hook in the body. Once again I bow my head with the passing of this great lure and I wipe my eyes dry, for I have but seven left and they are of the plastic type. They work the same, but the wooden ones did a better job.

Another surface lure that has passed on and was replaced by the Striper Swiper was the "flaptail" plug. On a glass smooth night, it caused a terrific commotion with a low and steady retrieve. The little spinner, attached to the rear of the wooden plug makes all the noise, while at the same time the lure wobbles from side to side. The strike could come from the first movement of the plug to the end of the retrieve. Actually, the lure was designed for fresh water bass. All the company did was convert it to a larger model, and it produced salt water bass.

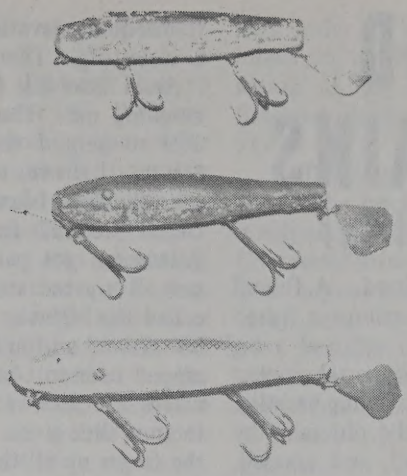
Many of the giant Pikies have gone out the small sister to the giant along with it. That is for salt water use only. For some reason (possibly the action) they are great in fresh water and are widely used all over. I used the small pikies quite often in the past, until I found the pal-o-mine worked even better.

Pfluger's Pal-o-mine and Mustang Minnow are among the few lures still around that are made of wood. I spoke to the representative from Pfluger, and said that as long as there is white cedar available, they will never change to a plastic lure. These four and one half inch, cigar shaped lures, dive and wiggle to a depth of three feet, depending on how fast the retrieve is. Here again the popularity has decreased in the past few years because of the Rebel and other types like it. Still, I carry six of each type made by Pfluger in my bag. At home, I have a few of the older ones that I retired due to dents, chew marks and the hooks pulled out by large fish. They did their job and, when I look

them I think of the many delightful memories they gave me.

The Florida shiner, is a small wooden, weighted lure, with a small propeller in the front and back that spins and gives off a whirring sound in the water. This lure too, has had its day and now earning a well deserved retirement. I take this one out only on calm days when the stripers are very touchy about what they want, such as when they are chasing the mullet around the Long Beach jetties. After the first northeaster blows in September, the ocean flattens out and becomes crystal clear. The bass know the difference between live mullet and lures. This is the one that fools them every time. There was a year when these lures were as scarce as hens teeth, and you could not buy them with gold. It was the in lure for about five years, and then they reverted back to where they came from; the south.

On the beach scene, lures have turned to the stainless steel type in place of the ol' tin squid. I can remember casting my own tins with the single hook imbeded in it. Now it is the heavy weights with chrome plating on them, a bucktail hook trailing or hammered stainless steel "knife-handles". It has been a long time since I have seen anyone using a Charlie Graves J8 or J7. It was



The Flaptail Lures

the hottest of lures, and they had to be shined by rubbing it in the sand. Now the long tins, with the single hook and strip of pork rind are rarely seen. Occasionally one of them will pop up being used as the action maker of a rigged eel.

Last to make the fade-away scene, is the "Gizmo". The rubber tube, weighted head and long shank hook, has not been completely passed on as a dead lure yet. From it came offsprings of tubes that are used for trolling, and the umbrella rig. The Gizmo ghost is still around.

These are just a few of the old lures that produced many different types of fish for me and my fishing partners. The fellows (and ladies) that never tried any of these plugs, or never had the opportunity, missed out on a great fishing era.

If any of the readers have the lures that I mentioned, go back and try them once again. As all fish populations run in cycles so do lures. All of time seems to be reverting back to the old style, such as hair and clothing, etc. No reason why these old lures should not make the scene once again. I have found then beginning to work, and no reason why they should not for you, if you have them.

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BLOOD OR BRAINS

by Stu Miller

Blood - blood - blood. A fishes? Usually. But also, sometimes a fishermans. I mean, hell . . . we're at a big disadvantage out there, in mortal combat with those tricky ocean dwelling beasties. Isn't the trademark of the old salt, the gnarled, lined, weathered, and creased, scarred-up mitts? Surely you couldn't mistake him for the "Avon Lady!"

One of my memorable scars was gotten on a cold, clear, windy March day in 1966. I had the spring flattie itches and had to get some action at a pet flounder hole on this, the first reasonably fishable spring day of the flounder season. I was anxious for my spring tussles. I zipped out to the Oak Beach parking lot, and in my mind's eye, anticipated my days catch.

The plan was to fish the area of the small pier across from the Oak Beach General Store. This spot is affectionately known as the "Flounder Hole". It should be fished for flatties on the whole falling tide, where moderate tidal current will sweep your line and terminal gear from right to left.

I took all my gear out of the car. It was now time to don my waders. In my flounder-fever haste, I ripped out a metal butt onto which one of the suspenders was attached. My mind was running at a fast idle. Ah-ha, I thought, I'll cut a hole on the other side of the waders, also at the top, and use a piece of heavy mono for the shoulder strap. Basically the idea was good, but its execution was a total disaster. I pulled my knife out of its sheath and put the back of the handle against my chest and the waders against the point, then pulled the wader top towards me. All this was done in a RUSH. I wanted to get out there and cast one out. The tide was perfect and I'd be all alone out there in the "Flounder Hole." (Hurry, hurry; the fish will go away, an insane voice whispered.) I yanked back. My trusty blade sliced right through the waders and also through the second knuckle section of my left index finger, deep. Out flowed the blood. I announced a few choice words heard only by the wind and two herring gulls squatting on a nearby fence; one was watching and the other couldn't have cared less. I tried everything I knew to stop the bleeding - direct pressure, tournequet, elevation . . . no use. I was a stuck pig. The blood wouldn't stop. I could hear the flounder laughing and mocking me. The Coast Guard will be able to help, I thought. It was about 8 a.m. I drove, one handed, onto and over the Fire Island Bridge to the Coast Guard Station. Inside, the 18 year old guardsmen got paler than me when he saw all my red stuff streaming out. He called the highway patrol by radio. The law arrived within two minutes and I was zipped over to Good Samaritan Hospital where 3 stiches were quickly made, and a tetanus shot given. The doctor bandaged the finger up all the way like a miniature mummy and cautioned me not to fish anymore that day, to rest from the blood loss, and to let the finger heal. "Right Doc, thanks." The cop drove me back to my car, and after I thanked him, he took off. I located a "baggie" in my truck. I tied it around my finger to keep it as clean as I could, then drove back to the "Flounder Hole." It was now about 10:30 a.m. The day was young. I fished bloodworms, using one hook on a leader with a piece of shot at the end. Though I fished most of the ebb, I got not even a rap. I did get to cut my finger though, due to flounder fever.

This experience taught me a lesson in self discipline - to take my time - think a procedure out - safety is important; ours is not an old ladies' pastime. Use your knife carefully. It can make or break a fishing trip. Mine has a 5" wood handle and a 6" stiff blade and fits snugly in a leather sheath, which secures to a pistol belt I wear. It's always right there at my side when needed. It handles any job from cutting bait to filleting fish. The blade is stiff with a sharp point, two requirements necessary for filleting a blue or bass at the surf line. (Give the handle an extra coat of varnish for protection.)

And, while talking of waders, if you are sure to hose them down thoroughly after each trip, don't grind them into sand or rock, don't fold them, but hang them up, preferably by the boot end, you'll get several seasons use out of them, even if you get cheap Japanese-made ones. More expensive waders (Red Ball, Hodgeman) must get the same care. The best are the black commercial fisherman waders. They are the most expensive, but will give the best service. When buying waders, watch out for those with poorly secured and sealed seams, particularly at the crotch and along the insides of the legs, where they brush together when you walk. If needed, a good patch can be made from old wader material or a piece of G.I. raincoat and a good rubber cement (Goodyear, Devcon). I

never tried a tire patch kit, but that should work too.

Now, bass, begin bigger, heavier fightinger fishes, naturally results in more serious and dramatic injuries to the fisherman's carcass. (e.g., surging tides and current when combined with wading amongst rocks, small boulders and sloughs and holes can provide much excitement even to the expert swimmer.) Who amongst us has never taken an unexpected dunking? Then, there are the jetty jockies, miscalculating distance and angles in rock hopping . . . OOW! OOO! OUCH! Triple gang hooks, groups of "hungries" crowded in small sections of beach, bar or jetty, whipping and casting sharp steel around. There's danger here and I don't mean maybe.

I have seen one particularly obnoxious guy, out on the Silver Point Jetty, with a lot of other rock hoppers out there casting plugs and tin for bass on one August night. This crumb, with the greatest abandon and total lack of concern for the safety of those fishing around him, was whipping and casting very wildly a large rubber eel with 4 hooks in it. Everyone cringed when he prepared to cast, whipping this weapon behind him. Remarks went unheeded by the jackass. Finally, one companion of mine, Walter the Window Washer, picked up eel-man's beautiful aluminum, long-handled gaff, which had been lying on a rock behind him, and threw it off the jetty into about 10 feet of ink-black water.

Soon eel-man was looking for his gaff, asking anyone if they had seen it and peering down between the rocks with his light. No one said a word. We all fished. Eel-man continued his search. Suddenly two fish were on! Walter the Window Washer had one, about an 8 pounder - and don't you know, he yelled for a gaff! Eel-man walked off the jetty muttering and cursing.

Jetty jockies, perhaps more than any other anglers, must have a good light. It would seem to be a matter of opinion what the best light is for the jetty jock or surfman. They seem to fall into three

categories, small, medium, and large. If size and weight are of primary concern, Ash Flash has a great little one you can rig to wear around your neck, using a wide elastic for a strap. It takes two batteries, and the beam, while not powerful, is fairly good. These are a little hard to find in the stores. In the medium range, Ash Flash makes a larger 4-battery all plastic sealed beam unit. While a lot heavier and bulkier, you can rig it with an elastic strap for wearing around your neck with no sweat. It gives a narrow, powerful beam. This is my preference. It is red, all plastic and 4¾" by 4¾" by 2½" deep. Finally, there is the lightweight bulb and reflector worn on the head or around the neck connected by a wire to a heavy and bulky battery pack worn on a belt. This is to me cumbersome, clumsy and prone to breaking loose and falling down inside the leg of your waders. It's up to you!

One chill September twilight in 1970, on a high outgoing tide, just as darkness closed in, my Rebel was hit and I was into a slugging schoolie. After a brief but enjoyable tussle, I beached my fish and enjoyed his glistening beauty by the now star and moonlight. Not sure that he was a keeper, I picked him up to remove the plug from his mouth, so I could measure him against my rod butt, which is circled with a painted yellow band 16" from the end. I did not hold him firmly enough, as I did not want to hurt him if he were under 16". Well, my good intentions were totally ignored by the striper, who had until that point lay still as a lox. Once I had my hand on the Rebel with its three needle sharp treble-hooks, my beauty burst into a frenzied, thrashing thing. He threw the plug, which was still in his mouth, against my left hand. When he finally settled on the sand, we were locked together in the same way a prisoner is handcuffed to a cop. My fish had a tail treble hook in his mouth and I had a belly treble in my left index finger, all the way, with the barb still inside. What fate had against my left index finger, I'll never know. This wound was only a ½" from where I knifed myself, as previously mentioned, toward the other side of the knuckle of the second joint. With a pair of Sportmate pliers I clipped the hook at the shank. It didn't hurt at all, but it sure did look strange, a hook sitting there, half in and half out of my finger. Avoid this happening to you by firmly holding Roccus around the top of the head, fingers in gills, forearm holding him against you, then carefully removing the plug (or baited hook) with hand or pliers. That's if you plan to release him, or if he's under 16". Otherwise a few hard blows on the head will put him out of action so that you can safely get your hardware back, using fingers, pliers or knife.

The important piece of gear used to cut the hook is a Sportmate. It is a combination pliers/wirecutter, and comes (in several sizes) in a leather case which goes on your belt. Nearly all tackle shops carry them.

Finally, treat that excellent plug, the Rebel, with caution. Those hooks are needle sharp. The floater and the swimmer, too, are very light and can be thrown - at you. And be sure the ones you buy have the silvery-tined hooks for salt water use. Some are being sold, particualrly in N.Y.C. discount dens, with black f/w hooks which are too weak for our purposes and will rust before you can get them on the snap.

To conclude, the hook was removed at Doctors Hospital, Freeport, after only waiting 45 minutes in the emergency room. A casting contemporary has suggested what I should do to protect my left index finger when fishing, but I tried and can't seem to cast with one hand.

P.S.: The bass was 18" and it was delicious.

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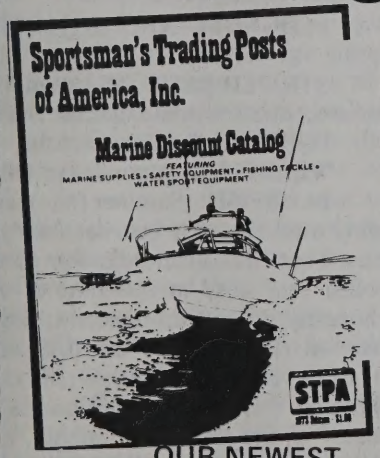
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VIRTUES OF THE SMALL BOAT
(IN DEFENSE OF THE LITTLE MAN)

by William N. Herold

INE OUT OF TEN articles written about saltwater fishing are written by or about people who own boats. Until very recently I was one of the many "little men" who read these articles with envy. It is frustrating to realize the economic impossibility of owning a boat, and having to settle merely for vicarious enjoyment.

For years I by-passed the opportunities of saltwater fishing; figuring that without a sizeable craft it was foolish even to attempt. How wrong I was! Last year, although limited, I discovered just how much diversified fishing a man could encounter on limited funds - - without owning his own boat! The start of this fishing pleasure was a rented boat. The renting of a small boat and motor for fishing in my area is equated with the riding of a mule out west. Yet over the past year I discovered just how much success and fun you can derive from fishing in a small boat. Lack of speed, limited range, and discomfort are the most obvious and unavoidable disadvantages of a rented skiff. But any true fisherman can overcome all of these with little effort.

Living on the eastern shore of Long Island Sound I have an amazing variety of fish to pursue from March until November (basic boat rental season.) The predominant species of fish sought in Long Island Sound are striped bass, bluefish, mackerel, porgies, blackfish, and flounders. I can honestly say that I and two equally adventurous friends boated well above our share of these fish this past year. Our ingredients for success were universal: planning, patience, and determination.

The boats we rent are of the standard variety for the Long Island Sound area, usually running between twelve and fourteen feet in length with a flat bottom and powered by an outboard motor. The engine power range on these boats can vary from boat livery to boat livery. Fred Archer of the Mamaroneck Fishing Station usually accommodates his patrons with motors between 5 and 9½ horsepower. We have found the 9½ quite adequate for our needs. The boats are also supplied with oars, anchor, life preservers, and fuel. It is also comforting to know that there is virtually no boat and motor maintenance to be done at the end of a day's fishing.

We would usually meet at the dock at 6:30 A.M., pile our supplies into the small boat and be on the Sound at 7:00 A.M. With bait and assorted lures tacked on, the cost for the day was usually in the neighborhood of $18.00. Divide by three, and one can readily see why we had little reason to complain. Some additional figuring will show that for twenty trips a year, it cost us each roughly $120.00. If you owned a boat in my area, it would cost you more than that to moor it for one year!

Economy is by no means the basis for this article; fishing success is. When we left the dock we usually let the weather and the tide dictate our schedule for the day. If the chop was up we would simply "limp" along the shore and try coves for bass, flounders, or blacks. When the water was flat we would safely venture out for some mack's or blues; again depending on the time of the year. Many more powerful boats surged on by us with a look of satisfaction, or in some cases indignation. Of course, you are not going to race around after schools of blues or stripers in a small skiff, but you are afforded other things that the big boys cannot enjoy. I do not mean to suggest that you cannot catch bluefish and striped bass. There are certain times when these fish seem to screech around the Sound in search of bunkers, rising here and then there; this is the big boys' game, not yours! On numerous occasions these guys would roar by us too fast to realize that we had paved the bottom of our token vessel with these very fish they were chasing.

A small boat can easily creep into the shallowest of coves and jetties. Here you can enjoy the privilege of solitude. I would rather scrap with a five pound striper or blackfish here, then fend off ten other boats while trying to bring my 12 pound bluefish to gaff! Depending on the time of year, you can virtually catch any game fish mentioned before in these shallow areas. We have located several spots near the Connecticut border that have seasonally provided bass, blues, blacks, flounders, porgies, and mackerel and an occasional weakfish. We simply through experience know what species to try for and when. The key word here is "experience". I can give an overall pattern of the fishing, but there are no short-cuts to success! As a basic generality, you can figure the season in our area to run somewhat like this:

MACKEREL: Spring and early summer.

FLOUNDER AND BLACKFISH: Spring and fall.

STRIPED BASS: All season (heaviest concentration in late summer and fall)

PORGIES: Summer months.

WEAKFISH: Summer and fall.

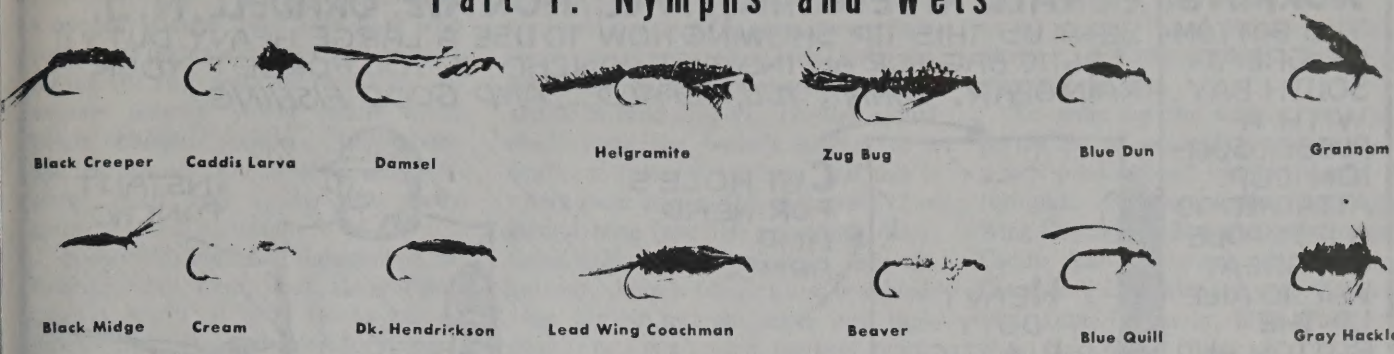
BLUEFISH: Summer (late) and fall (I omit the early summer simply because 9 out 10 bluefish are caught on wire trolled very deep at this time of year. I honestly do not recommend trying for them in the boats we are discussing.)

All I can suggest is to go rent a boat sometime this season. Question the proprietor of the livery you choose, as to what species are available and the appropriate tackle to use. Then go get some of that all important "experience."

Anyone who is under the misconception that successful fishing on Long Island Sound is for boat-owners only have truly "missed the boat."

BASIC FLY FISHING

Part 1: Nymphs and Wets



1. The basic nymphs (see text).

2. Typical nymphs.

3. Typical Wet Flies.

by Don Vetter

IF ALL THE WEALTH of literature written on the subject of fly fishing, I have yet to come across anything which dealt with the subject as pertaining specifically to the conditions here on Long Island. Not that we Islanders face particularly different or difficult (or in any way unique) circumstances, but rather we face neglect in favor of the more widely known, and tradition-steeped waters upstate. We have our mayflies, and much of the other insect life in our waters, the same as anywhere else; though wading a muddy bottom, sluggish Island stream - where each footfall produces a cloud of silt in the water, is a greater obstacle to overcome than those nice rocky, rushing waters of lore.

This article was written with the novice in mind; those purists have long since packed their custom made, bamboo fly rods, and departed for the Beaverkill or the Ausable, leaving die-hards (or poor slobs), such as you and I, to struggle along right here on Long Island. Here you will find no reference to insect life in all its stages of development (replete with scientific names), to delight the entomologist), nor complete lists of EVERY fly pattern - what we want to accomplish, is to give the average, weekend fly caster, enough information to go out and catch some trout.

Those aquatic insects, be they mayfly, stonefly, caddis or even the humble midge and mosquito, have one thing in common: they spend much of their lives in the nymphal stage, before emerging into the air for a brief period in the sun, to mate, and renew the cycle of life. Some are active in the water, while others live a hermit's life at the stream bed, or drift along at the whim of the currents. It is this difference in underwater behavior which determines whether 'nymph' or 'wet' fly patterns will be used; both immitate insects in their nymphal stage. The wet flies are usually actively 'worked' through the water, while the nymphs produce best when 'dead drifted' (though there are exceptions).

As is apparent in the photos, wet flies have distinct wings and hackle, while the nymphs are more sparsely dressed, clipped closer to their heavier bodies. Both are dressed on heavy wire hooks (to expedite sinkability), and some are weighted. Since our streams are neither deep nor fast flowing, a floating (F) fly line will usually serve well enough, provided the leader is long enough to allow the fly to penetrate the depths; 12 foot leaders may be required in some situations, but 9 foot is often sufficient. Tippet thickness depends on the size of the fly - smaller flies/lighter tippets. That floating line is especially important to the angler who drifts a nymph with the current, as he must watch for a pause, or twitch, of

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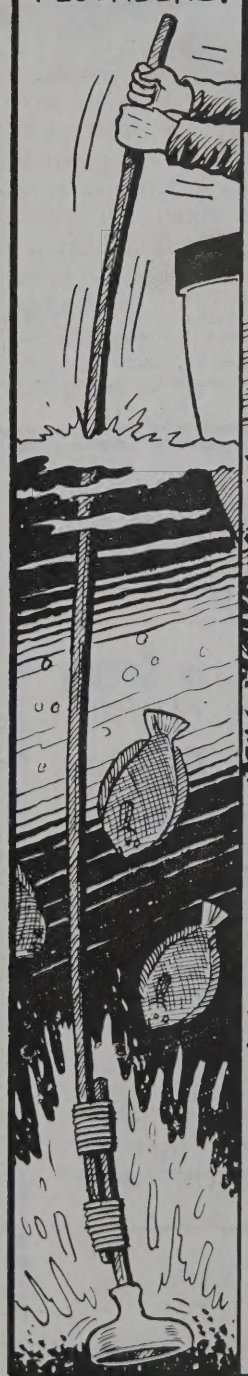

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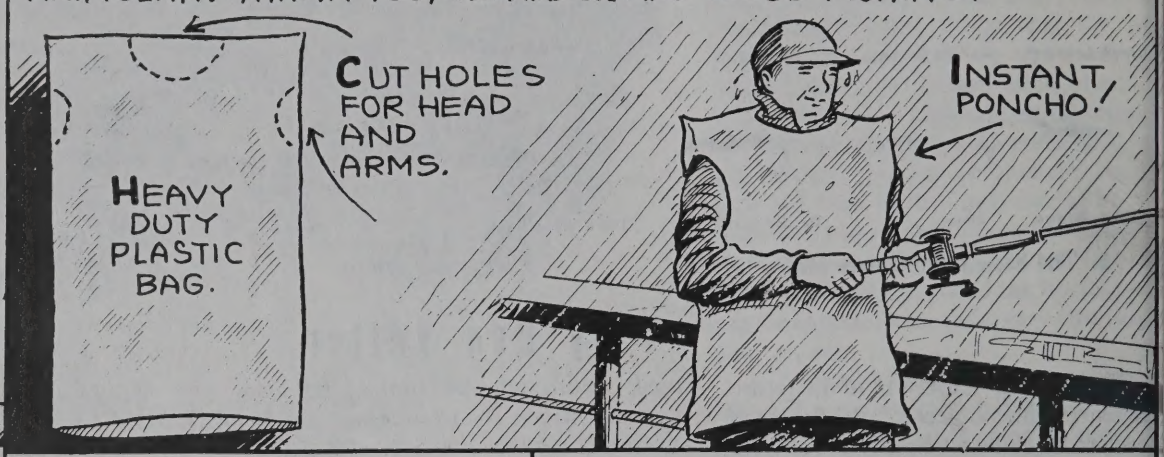

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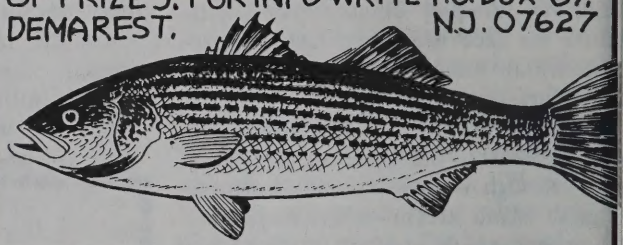

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is washed out from these waters. Popolopen Creek has other sport fish and just before I sat down to prepare this, I opened a letter from Tom Lake who told me of taking some nice 18" pickerel during the first week of February. In warmer seasons, yellow perch, white perch, bluegills, stripers, smallmouth and catfish also are caught. An occasional trout may appear after early spring stocking up stream.

Locals who can stand the smell of the Peekskill city dump fish along Penn-Central tracks at Roa Hook, casting bloodworms or nightcrawlers for stripers, monstrous carp (would you believe 25 pounds), white perch, catfish and eels. Crabs and snapper blues are also caught later in the summer.

Iona Marsh to the south of Bear Mountain and opposite Peekskill holds hundreds if not thousands of small stripers in spring. The mud flats off Peekskill hold bass and the other typical perch, catfish, etc. assortment. The drop-off to the deeper channel occasionally produces larger fish for trollers using spoons and bucktails.

Al Brenenstoul of the B & M Bait Shop in Wappingers Falls (914) AX 7-3184, can give up to the minute information about what is running on the river. He also has some great large-mouth fishing to offer in Wappingers Lake and a boat livery. Ace & Charlie's Fishing Tackle (914) 737-5021, can also help and they have boats for use on the Hudson itself. They are located in Verplanck.

From Verplanck north to Claverack, the Hudson is unfished water. I firmly believe that since so few people take advantage of the resources here, that even fewer people realize the true value of these waters. Hence, lack of concern by power plants and other polluters.

No other area on the East Coast that I can think of so desperately needs fishermen. No other area offers the fisherman so much peace and quiet and so much opportunity to catch a big, deep-bellied cow bass.

Next, we'll take a look at the lower Hudson and point out some spots in between the debris, pollution and people to pick stripers - - and tom cod, eels, perch, blues, and would you believe fluke??

Basic Fly Fishing

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the line-point, to indicate a strike.

Wet flies are traditionally fished across and slightly downstream, in a series of short strips or pulls. This method will cause the pull of the current to bring the fly close to the surface on the retrieve. This being the case, it would do well to examine the two distinct 'feeding zones' of a stream (ponds are excepted - trout may be found at any level, depending on water temperature and availability of food supply). The first would reach from the water's surface to a depth of two feet or less, and this is where most anglers fish their wets. The second zone (and the one which older, larger trout prefer) is at or near the bottom; here is where those weighted, deep drifted nymphs come into their own. For some reason, the mid depths of a stream are usually devoid of trout, so take your choice - near the top, or along the bottom. The new, sinking-tip fly lines are a help in getting a big nymph to the lower depths, but make if difficult to detect a strike, when you are not 'working' the fly. Double taper lines (DT) are nice, but not really required; a level (L) line may serve for this sub-surface fishing.

As a general rule, wets in the 10 to 12 sizes are most effective on Long Island, while the nymphs may range from a hefty No. 8 to a tiny No. 20. The bigger nymphs are most effective near the bottom, drifting with the current, where a wise old lunker trout may be looking for an easy meal. When you see visible rises, but the trout refuse any dry fly you offer, try a No. 18 or 20 nymph, fished with a quick-strip retrieve, near the surface - the results may surprise you.

To wrap up the subject, here is a partial list of wet and nymph patterns, which produce well on the Island: 1. Nymphs: Helgramite, Zug Bug, Lead Wing Coachman, Beaver, Black Creeper, Caddis Larva, Damsel, Black Midge, Cream and Dark Hendrikson. 2. Wets: Blue Dun, Grannom, Blue Quill and Gray Hackle (see cuts).

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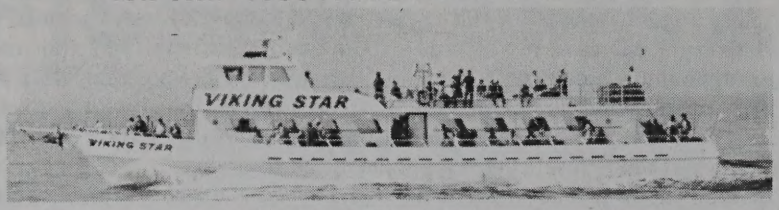

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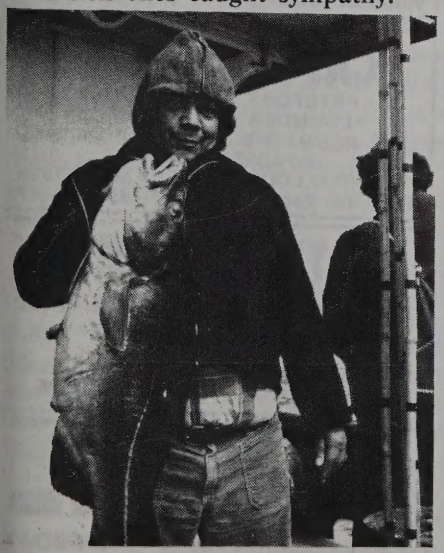
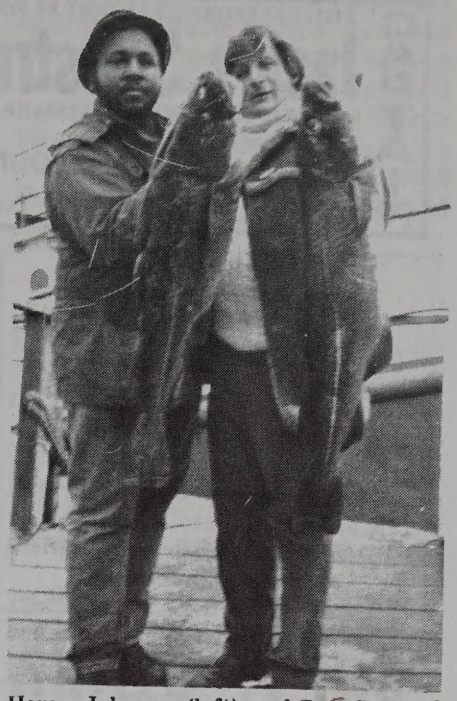
On Saturday, Capt. Paul Forsberg dropped the hook somewhere between the Cartwright Grounds and Block Island. In no time flat, the cod were coming over the rails. The fish were not big cows, but they were there in quantity. Skimmers were used for chum as well as for bait. The spring cod are on the move. Now if only the 'russian fleet will leave them alone long enough for the fishermen to have the action long waited for.

Claire Glas said that Saturday was the real start of the spring cod movement. Capt. Brad Glas took the "Cat" out south of Block Island and filled the bags for the fishermen. Actually, Capt. Glas took them to the "cod spot" and the fares did the filling. The best of the catch was a 38 pounder taken by Juan Serrano of 'Brooklyn. The average catch was about 10 cod per man and they were in the 5 to 15 pound class. Capt. Brad figured that the first two fish caught by each man paid for the price of the trip. The spring cod are so hungry that almost every cod over ten pounds had smaller cod in their stomachs. Capt. Glas also said that the cod are inshore and that his scouting divers will let him know when the "cows" are on the wrecks. Sunday was a lumpy, bumpy trip. The fares that did not get sick caught fish. The sick ones caught sympathy.



C. Horn of Brooklyn with a 35 lb. cod taken aboard the "Peconic Queen II" on March 29th.



Henry Johnson (left) and Bob Sage, of Brooklyn, with 35 and 30 lb. cod.

Some nice cod were picked up all week, reported Capt. Dick Rade of the "Marlin III." Saturday saw some real action as the high hook had 14 cod and a couple of snowshoe flounders mixed in. This first run of cod is not comprised of biggies, but they are the forerunners of what is to come. As more bait moves in, the bigger cod will move with it; then look out freezer!

GARDINERS BAY

Saturday's northwest wind kept the skiff fishermen in the harbor, and they proceeded to "sweep the bottom" of flounders. The boats brought in an average of 60 fish per boat, from 1 to 2 lbs. Bill Sadler, of Brooklyn, and party had a field day. Jerry Didia and his friends came all the way from Carette, N.J. and did a fine job on our flounders. There'll be plenty of filet on the table this week.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. of the "Capt. Clark I" reports that even through a spring snow storm on Sunday morning, the fishermen caught fish. As a matter of fact, the catches went as high as 18 to 20 fish per man. Saturday's fishing was better though. The flounder are running good at Buoy 29, off the Greenlawn, and off the Indian Reservation. The average flattie ranges in size from 1 to 1¼ lbs., with some going as high as 2 lbs. Mussel bait remains best. Capt. Bellows tried the Peconics a couple of

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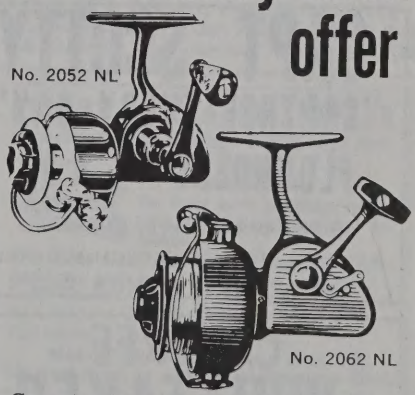

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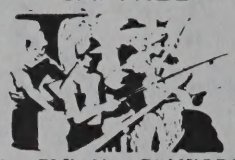

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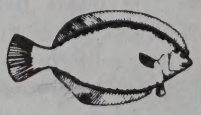

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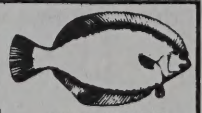

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SAG HARBOR

Wind, snow and rain made the fishing a flop on Sunday, reported Barbara Smith of Noyac Marina. Saturday was better, however, the wind kept the boats in Noyac Creek. The fish were small but plentiful. The best catch for the day was made by Arthur Milsteine, and Tony Outeiral of Brooklyn. They used mussels and clams with chopped clams for chum. Jim Graham, Jerry Gieseking and Don Taski, all from 'Brooklyn, 12 flatties of 2 lbs. each. They were fishing Gleason Point. The wind blew a little too hard, so they moved into Noyac Creek and took about 50 more flatties. These fish were smaller in the main, and many had to be returned. Bill Simone and Vince Evangelista, of Commack, took home 30 nice flounder, taken in one hour of fishing. They used mussels for bait.

Dan McLane of Bayview Tackle & Bait had a big smile on his face when I popped in on him on Sunday. Two reasons accounted for this smile: the beautiful fishing on Saturday, and the report of a 3 lb. 10 oz. winter flounder (not a snowshoe). Guided by Joe Ambrico, three members of the Arverne Fishing Club, Rockaway, N.Y., fished Majors Harbor with mussels and took home about 100 flounders from 1 lb. up to the biggie of 3 lbs. 10 ozs.

Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr., skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reports the fishing in Gardiners Bay at 'Cedar Point is excellent. The big flounders have moved into the area, with many fish going 2½ to 3 lbs. "It's a bit early for the big ones, but they are definitely in." In Coecles Harbor, the fish are more plentiful but not as large. Mussel baits remain best. Capt. Clark said, " the fishing gets better each time we go out."

HAMPTON BAYS

Alicia DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center said she was amazed at the action of both the fish and the fishermen on Sunday. The weather was bad, but the fishing was good. Die—hard fishermen braved the rain, snow and wind to go along with the meat boycott. Everyone that fished the canal area brought home fish.

"Very, very good," commented Frank of Frank's Fishing Station. Each and every angler came in with fish on Saturday. In fact, one local resident had several tommy cod mixed in with his catch of flounders. Sunday was a complete wash—out for the skiff fishermen, however, the ones that did sneak out got fish.

MORICHES BAY

Capt. Ron Schlueter of the "Alma" reported the fish are getting bigger all the time. On Saturday, the flatties weighed up to 2 lbs., and the average was 20 to 30 fish per man. Fishing the Forge River and the Pipe Line, the fish never stopped for a break. The mussel bait kept the "chips flying."

The flounders are here now, Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reported. On Sasturday, everyone fishing near Buoy 27 in the 'Forge River area, had good results. It seems that Chris Stuvens and his father were high hook skiff men. They came back with 60 fish in the 1½ to 2 lb. class. Many smaller fish were thrown back because of their lack of size.

Joe Skee of Flatbush with a bushel of flounder he caught in Seatuck Cove on worm bait and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Silly Lily Fishing Station has gotten off to a good start. Friday was a beautiful day for fishing. On Saturday, the fishing was a little slow because of the abnormally low water, however, when the tide started in, so did the flounders. Everyone had their fill. Ramona Seifert said that all we need now is some decent weather to go along with the good fishing.

Kappler's Sportsmen Club of Patchogue really has some hardy members. They went out on Sunday and in an hours time, each boat had 30 to 60 flounders up to 1½ lbs. Mama Larssen of the Hi Way Fishing Station said that Saturday morning was also slow, however, the boats that stood out really mohawked them.

MASTIC BEACH

"Friday slow, Saturday fantastic," said Gary Stiriz. The flatties were coming in right and left near Buoy #17 and Smith Point Bridge. Richard Angel of Brooklyn had a bushel full from ¾ to 2 lbs. They were taken on worms and mussels. Sunday was a fishing station wash—out due to the weather, however, the fellows that did go out did get fish. Gary coughed as he related that he was one of the Sunday fishermen.

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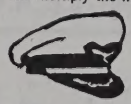

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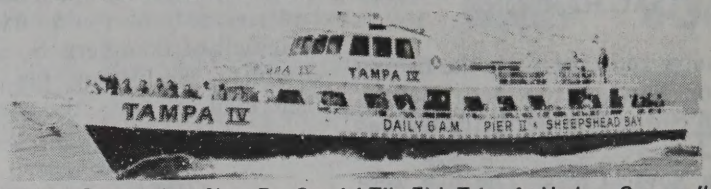

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best fishing took place off Heckscher State Park. Fred Happ of Babylon used skimmers and mussels to catch a nice mess of flatties from ¾ of a pound up. Jim Oliva of New York City came out during the week and was rained out. He took a rain check from Dennis Masterson and came back on Saturday full of "spit and vinegar." He found the hole and the flounders came a flyin'. When the dust settled back at the dock, the bottom of the boat was covered with flounders from 1 to 2 lbs. The plastic bag just couldn't hold the fish, and its bottom gave way.

CAPTREE

The flounders were on the feed all week long. Mixed sizes came over the rails as the flatties took pieces of bloodworm. Capt. George Tweedy of the "Capt. Scotty" said that Saturday was a great day. The high hook was a catch of 35 fish, and the average per man was 20 fish.

Capt. Bauer did a job on the flatties also. Several of the fares aboard the "Capt. Whittaker" brought along earthworms to try out after reading the "Garden Hackle Flounder" story. They wanted to see for themselves if earthworms really worked. The results were brought home in sacks. Capt. Bauer said that one fare even punctured holes in the nightcrawlers and dyed them red, and caught flounders. Most of the fishing was done in the 'Sayvillle area, where the bottom is nice and soft.

BABYLON

The flounder fishing is excellent. The catch on Saturday was 50 to 60 fish per man. They are all over the bottom up and down the bay. Charlie's Fishing Station also reported that as everyone knows, Sunday was a real flop as far as weather goes, however the flounders were still there.

Beautiful cod and pollack were reported by Augie's Bait & Tackle. Charlie Fischette took his "Three Daughters" to one of the offshore wrecksd and came back with 58 cod and 2 pollack. All were in the 15 lb. class. Flounders are also being taken from the town dock and the anglers that fished it on Sunday caught fish.

LINDENHURST

Weakfish have been caught in several local spots and a few short bass have been taken at Cedar Beach. Charlie's Bait & Tackle also stated that herring were pretty heavy in the bay. Baitfish such as spearing have also made a showing. Large bunkers have been seen mixed in with the herring. This is a sure sign that spring is here.

AMITYVILLE

"Flounders are all over, and fishing is very good for them," reported Jonas Bait & Tackle. All we need is a little help from the weatherman.

George Fischer and Herb Schneider took 38 flounders on Saturday fishing near John J. Burns Park dock, reported Marty of Sportackular. On Sunday there was a husband and wife team that wanted to continue the meat boycott, so they went fishing. Al Stockman and wife Candy braved the wet,windy weather and delivered some 16 flounders for part of the week's food supply.

George Combs reported that Frank Whiting of Amityville fished in the State Channel with big bloodworms on Saturday strictly for bass and connected with one hit. He had the fish near the boat, but it broke off just before the net. The fish was of legal size. Floundering was a little slow during the week due to extra high water and easterly winds. This roiled the waters. George also suggested to avoid fishing near the town line where there is dredging going on, which is used for backfill on the sewer pipeline. The waters are always milky white. There is good fishing from both the Ocean Ave. and Bayview Ave. docks. George said that there are large quantities of sand shrimp coming into the bay and within the week, he will have quantities in stock for both weakfish and bass fishing.

SEAFORD

Mike Gromwaldt, Fred Bolenbach and Joe Mackowits, of Maspeth, decided to continue the meat boycott. In three hours they caught and kept 125 flounders, all over the one pound mark. Fred Casey and son, of Maspeth, had 96 keepers up to 1½ pounds. Jimmy, Bob, Gil, Chicky and "The Fly," all from the Bronx, took home 162 flounders. Everyone fished west of the first and second bridges, near the entrance of Haunts Creek on Saturday, reported Dell's Fishing Station.

WANTAGH

Everyone is catching flounders. Frank of Causeway Bait & Tackle said that even on Sunday there were some real fishing nuts out. Father and son teams came into the shop and bought rain gear and bait. They wanted to fish and nothing was going to stop them. In fact, Mrs. Chiairelli came out from Brooklyn to fish from her daughter's dock in Bellmore, and caught fish. Both Mrs. Chiarelli and her daughter, Mrs. Rose Funaro used worms for bait and fished Bellmore Creek where the house is located. Just goes to show what can be done with a little determination.

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FREEPORT

Richie Keene of Charvin Fishing Station called to report that the flounder fishing is excellent. All surrounding areas are producing top-notch catches. The Merrick Bay area seems to be doing a better job than most. Capt. Joe Ippoliti of the dragger Tradewind had six striped bass in his net while fishing the Ambrose Tower area. The fish were small but all were keepers. Along with the bass, Joe had a good mixed catch of ling, whiting, cod and flounders. Anyone looking for some decent bottom fishing should give this area a try. Bill Gallant of Elmont, fishing his own boat on the open bottom 35 minutes southwest of Jones Inlet, had 25 cod up to 20 lbs. That's welcome news!

Al Lindroth of the "Capt. Al" continues to fill bags with good sized flatties. Ray Thomson of Wantagh had 87 fish on Tuesday which weighed up to 1¾ lbs. He came back on Saturday and outdid himself with 103 fish of the same size. Moe Robinson had the top catch

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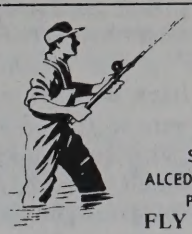

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of the week with 110 keepers. Most of the fishing was done at Scow Creek and the Long Creek area; the best part being the 15 minute boat ride.

Richie Kessinger of the "Star Stream" did a good job for his fares on Saturday. Rich came in with a good catch of cod, along with a sprinkling of pollack and over 50 good sized blacks up to 4 lbs. The Cholera area was the place. A few herring and plenty of bergalls kept the action steady. Richie will start wreck fishing shortly.

Bruno of the Hudson Point Marina called to tell me about their new yearly contest. Ten species of fish are eligible; awards will be given for each species. The entrance fee is $3.00 per angler and the contest runs from April 1st thru November 31st, 1973. Ten (10) special derbies will also be held, with a cash prize of $25.00 for each winner. Rods and reels will be the prizes for the regular contest, with the Shakespeare Company supplying some of the prizes.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station is overwhelmed with the fabulous fishing his customers are having this season. Weather permitting, boats returned with ½ to 1 bushel of flounder up to 2 lbs. North Channel, Cinder Creek and Sea Dog Creek were the hotspots this week. Buoy 16 and Buoy 18 in Reynolds Channel are also starting to part with fine catches. Ed wanted me to remind all of you young at heart fishermen that Wednesday is Senior Citizens Day, with all boats and motors at ½ price.

LONG BEACH

Tom Keeney of the Long Beach Sports Marina is having a great season. Due to the closeness of the top fishing areas, his customers are mohawking the flatties; Duck Point is only 2 minutes from his dock. Tom tells me he's adding new fiberglass skiffs to his fleet, all completely unsinkable, and if your motor is moaning, Tom is now an authorized Evinrude dealer.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's tells me that his customers are continuing to have a banner year on the flounders. Most boats are coming in with at least 50 good sized fish. The Post Lead area along with Green Sedge Creek and Hogs Island are producing steady catches. Woodmere Channel, Broad Channel and Duck Point seem to be doing a little better. Leon observed some of the boats coming in with postage stamp fish. There are plenty of good sized fish around, so throw the little guys back for next year. Bill Hores of Far Rockaway ran his skiff up to Duck Pt. on Saturday for a catch of 130 good fish up to 1¾ lbs. Bill said he threw back as many smaller fish. Along with Bill was Red Blumlein of Ozone Park and Danny (the plug maker) Pichney of Long Island City. Bloodworms and mussel chum were the combination. Bill also told me that the fish moved into a little deeper water this week.

HOWARD BEACH

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports the flounder fishing is steady. Sal Castelli of Ozone Park took 15 fish from 1 to 1½ lbs. in short order from the North Channel Bridge on Saturday. The South Channel Bridge is also producing good catches. Although there have been no reports of blackfish at either the North or South Channel Bridges, I did hear of some blacks taken at the Marine Parkway Bridge on the Brooklyn side.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike Maffia of Mike's Tackle had some good news for all of you blackfishermen. Capt. Harry Philips and Capt. Tom Marconi of the "Pilot," fishing the Sea Bright and Long Branch area, had a good load of blacks up to 8 lbs., and a fair catch of cod up to 20 lbs. Pat McBride and Mike Wallin of Brooklyn, fishing from Pat's "Jolly Roger," had 55 blacks to 5½ lbs., and 17 cod to 10 lbs. The place was one of Pat's secret wrecks off Rockaway Beach.

Neal Lauro of Stella Maris had only good reports of all the areas surrounding the bay. All boats coming in had good to excellent catches of flounders and blacks. Neal told me he is ready with any bait that is needed.

George Gnad of Bay End Dock called to let us know that the flatties have moved into Plum Beach in good numbers and boats are returning from that area with excellent catches.

Capt. John Kull of the "Johnny K" reports good numbers of sea flounders being caught at Breezy Point Rip. It seems the fish are on the west or inside of the jetty on the outgoing tide and on the outside or east side of the jetty on the incoming tide. Capt. John says the sharpies are doing a real good job.

Capt. Rocky Becker of the "Tampa IV" said his tilefish trip was a great success. The boat came in on Saturday evening with more than 300 fish up to 55 lbs. There will be an offshore trip on Wednesday for giant cod and two more tilefish trips on Friday and Saturday. Call Rocky for reservations.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop tells me that the striped bass action is on the upswing. There seems to be plenty of bass around, Lenny said, the only trouble being most of them are shorts. The biggest fish heard of to date is an 8 lb. fish taken in the Tottenville area. Glover Street and Great Kills Park are producing the largest quantity. (Have patience.) Flounders and tommy cod are still the top draw as Staten Island enjoys one of the best seasons in years. Great Kills Park is also the best producer of flatties and tommies.

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunting of the "Sea Horse" sees a definite improvement in the offshore fishing. On Saturday, Bunt started on 17 Fathoms with a good catch of ling and whiting, then moved into the Shrewsbury Rocks and had good luck on small cod (up to 6 lbs.) and plenty of blackfish up to 3 lbs. The Capt. made a stop at Scotland on the way home and found plenty of eager ling and whiting. This was the first good action at Scotland since the fall. Pedro Martinez of Paterson, N.J. took top honors with the biggest cod over the weekend.

Joe of Julian's Bait & Tackle reports that Wayne Parks of West New York, along with Dave Everson of Lodi and Earl Newell of Weehawken, all fishing aboard Wayne's "New Dawn," had a terrific day on Saturday, fishing the Shrewsbury Rocks. Sixteen cod to 21 lbs., 4 blacks to 5 lbs., and 1 pollack of 5 lbs. was their reward for a few hours fishing. Joe also reports a bass of 9 lbs. taken on the flats at Sea Bright.

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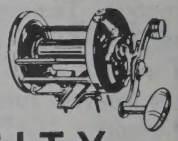

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SEABRIGHT

Winter flounder fishing held up well even with the wind and the rain last week, according to Giglio's. Chum logs and clam chum worked the best at the Rumson and Seabright Bridges for Randy Malcaluso who had 70 of the 1 to 1½ pounders. Blood and sandworms work equally well and everyone has been raving about the good taste of these fish, so it seems like the clean up of the water in the area is already having beneficial results to fishermen.

MONMOUTH BEACH

Paul Siciliano of Monmouth Tackle said the flounder fishing has been terrific, despite the weather. All through the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers fishermen are doing well. Kenny Warren and Carl Moffler took over 50 on sands with clam chum on Saturday, and they threw back plenty more of less than a pound.

LONG BRANCH

The first whiting are hitting herring chunks at the Long Branch Pier. April 3rd, 4th and 5th were good days for Tony Episcopo and Harmon Poll who had some good catches of whiting and ling. Rough water will slow things down for a few days, but look for better fishing before the weekend starts.

BRIELLE

Flounder are hitting well along the Canal and at Point Pleasant. Bill Van Truten of MV Tackle reported better cod fishing inshore at Manasquan Ridge, with bigger fish coming over the rails. Pollack are available too, and the pool winner aboard the "Jamaica" was a whopping 38 pounder.

NORMANDY BEACH

The local surf regulars are all waiting for Mr. Bass to appear in the surf. Ernie of the Bait 'N Tackle Shop saw bait fish in the wash, so the bass shouldn't be far behind. Flounder are plentiful at Kettle Creek, along the bridges and at the mouth of the creeks. White perch fishing is excellent at Matinecock, Island Heights and in the creeks.

TOMS RIVER

Ed Swartz of Bay Bridge Boats says the fishing is all wet! A few bass were picked up in the Bay but most action is strictly flounder fishing with clams, blood or sandworms. Chum attracts most of the fish. The Mathis Bay Bridge is good, as is Good Luck Point.

SEASIDE

The Barnegat Jetty was crowded all weekend with flounder fishermen doing well on the flatties. Jeff Weast of Jean & Art's Tackle reported some bass fishing in the surf in Island Beach area 3 on bloodworms. Harry Moses and Bud Buckley of Trenton had bass, as did Harry Zimmerman of Toms River. Most fish are school sized but keepers up to 5 lbs. have been taken.

BERKLEY

Barnegat Bay bass fishing may be getting underway, finally, and reports of fish up to 10 lbs. have filtered down to the shops. In the surf, Bill Garey of Judy & Bill's Tackle confirmed an 8 pounder caught by Fred Fulcher. Flounder are ready when you are throughout Barnegat and everyone is catching buckets full.

SHIP BOTTOM

Striper reports are spotty from the Long Beach Island area but Vince Goddard of the Fisherman's Headquarters has heard of a few being caught off Beach Haven. Winter flounder are hitting well for beachmen and small boaters.

BARNEGAT LIGHT

The main channel off the Barnegat Light and around the corner at Double Creek are the best spots for flounder, according to Henry's Boats. Fish up to 1¾ lbs. were caught over the weekend.

BEACH HAVEN

Flounder fishing has been excellent, according to Barry Baxter at the Snuggery Dock in Beach Haven. A crowd headed by Joe Ostroski of Philadelphia went home with 365 flounder while runner-up for the most caught was Jack Krawczyk and Romeo Francescangeli with 142. Grandad Curlonis took the rest of the family out on Saturday and they had 96, 15 of which were caught by his 3 year old grandaughter Rita! Many flounder here are over the two pound mark.

GREAT BAY

Tom Henry is at it again, this time with five bass from around Graveling Point. Roger West had the best of the week weighed in by Tom Henrich of Great Bay Marina, a 4 lb. 12 oz. striper. Flounder are all over Great Bay and the season is now at its peak. Mackerel will replace them in just a few more weeks.

MULLICA RIVER

Stan Cramer of Chestnut Neck Boat Yard had little to report, with bad weather flooring most of the bass fishing. Water temp should be back up in the high 40's as soon as the storm leaves the bay, and then good fishing should return.

BRIGANTINE

Winter flounder fishing held up well with most catches coming from Weakfish Thoroughfare, Black Point and No. 6 Light, reported Bill Heller of Young's Dock.

ATLANTIC CITY

Thirty beach buggies were out over the weekend at Atlantic City and stripers were taken at the North Beach on bloodworms. Fred and Reynold Davis had three bass to 3 lbs., and seven others were released. Jack Blades Tackle also reported good flounder fishing, with one happy angler, Charlie Laws, loading up with 90 flats on Saturday.

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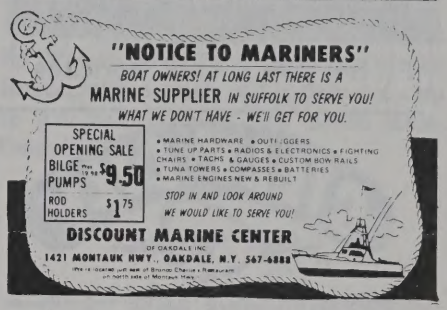
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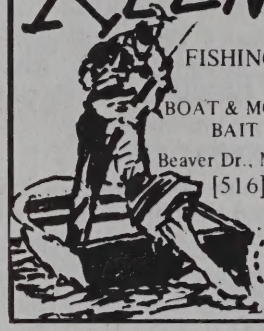

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MARGATE

Flounder fishermen came to Margate in droves in spite of the rotten weather and one husband and wife team, the Fullagers of Pleasantville, had over 40 keepers. Stripers were pulled from the suds at Ocean City on bloodworms. Fish the holes around the 54th Street beach with Doodle Bugs to float the worms. Ed Cornman was one of the early season hardies to take stripers over the weekend. Private boats picked up a few mackerel 7 to 8 miles off Margate, but the fishing was and will be picky for another week or two.

North Shore Reports

SCOTT SIMONS

GREENPORT

The "Pooka II" sailed both Saturday and Sunday. Capt. Dave Green said that Sunday was not too good a day. The fishermen that stood at the rail did well. Saturday was a better day, but due to the northwester, the flatties were hard to find. The water was quite churned up. The fish that came aboard were up to 1¾ lbs. and were taken off Coecles Harbor.

GREENPORT

White's Tackle tells us that Sunday's rain and snow did not stop the fishermen, and some nice sized flounders were taken at South Ferry, Fanning Point and Deering Harbor on mussels and skimmer baits

ROCKY POINT

Nick's Bait & Tackle reported good flounder fishing right off the beach, and at Shoreham. The fish are in the 1 to 1½ lb. class, and they are taking sandworms and clams.

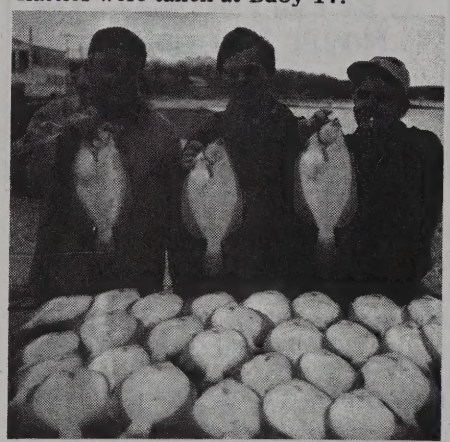
SHELTER ISLAND

Shelter Island Marina reported that Saturday's fishing was excellent, with the boats out averaging 15 to 25 flounder up to 2¾ LBS.* FISHING IN Smith's Cove by Buoy #15. Mussels were best in the bait department.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported some fine catches on Saturday. Tony LoPerfido and George Dingfelder of Brooklyn kept 40 flounders from 1½ to 2¼ pounds while fishing off Ram's Head on Shelter Island. Paul Mesner and party took 84 flounder in the 1 to 2 lb. class, near the stone dock at South Ferry. Perry Morgan and Joe Taylor took 151 fish right in the Brick Yard. Buoy 17 at Jessups Neck produced 46 flounder in the 1½ to 2 lb. class for Sid Hirsch. Mussels were doing the job for all.

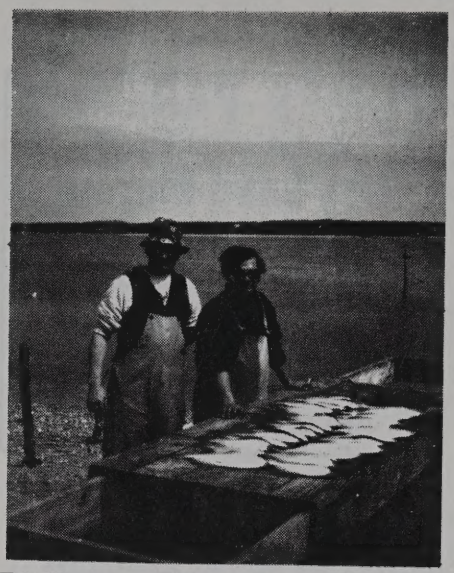
Sid Hirsh and Peter Paul of the Bronx with 67 flounder up to 2½ lbs. The flatties were taken at Buoy 17.



Lou Bosso, Frank Wicinski and Frank, Jr. with 32 flounders from 2 to 2½ lbs., taken off Nassau Point. They fished from Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station tells us that Saturday's fishing produced some of the biggest fish seen to date. A 4¼ pound flounder topped the list, with many fish in the 3 lb. class taken. The action was all in the Nassau Point Buoy area. While many of the fish were taken on worms, mussels are still producing best.



Ed Watson and Terry Stewart, of the Bronx, with a catch of big flounder - up to 3¼ lbs., taken in the South Race, Peconic Bay.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph's Fishing Station reported the flounder in the Sound are running in the 1 to 1½ pound class, while the harbor is producing fish in the ¾ pound range. Mussels and worm baits are doing the trick.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station tells us that Conscience Bay and Setauket Harbor are still producing plenty of pan sized flounder. The larger (1½ to 2 lb.) flounder are beginning to show in the Sound at Cranes Neck Point and Mount Misery. Worms and mussels are the baits to use. Chumming is a must.

NORTHPORT

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SMITHTOWN

Beacon Fishing Station tells of some fine flounder fishing. The river is producing fish in the ¾ pound class, to the tune of about 60 flounders per boat. The Sound is giving up flounder in the 2 lb. range, and Mr. Royal Richardson of Flushing took 40 of these biggies off Callahan's while using worms, and without even chumming.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station says Saturday produced some fine flounder fishing, with 40 to 50 fish per boat the average. The flatties are running from 1 to 1¼ pounds all over the harbor. Sandworms and clams are doing the catching. Bob and John Folmer of Queens Village took 50 big flounders and 6 tommy cod of a pound apiece.

GLEN COVE

Dino Pinchiaroli called us to report that he took a 26 pound striper at Tappen Beach on Friday. The fish took a white bucktail jig at 3:30 P.M., and is the first big bass we have heard of taken this year.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station says the flounder action is very good, with Centre Island Reef and the area of the Bayville Hospital producing best. Fish in the 1 pound class are plentiful and sandworms are the bait to use.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported excellent catches of flounder on Saturday. Orchard Beach Lagoon produced the best action, with many fish in the 1¾ lb. class, taking worm baits. All in all, Jack says it is an exceptionally good year for flounder in this region.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

WESTCHESTER

While weather has been a problem here as in waters elsewhere, fishing i excellent. Cameron's Boat Livery re ports many of their anglers are shore bound, but still catching nice flounder Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishin Station can watch the many fisherme at the Village Pier within sight of hi shop, and despite the bad weather, it' been crowded. Fred reminded us tha we could be worse off. A year ago,

was snowing.

Point Bait & Tackle, is a new shop, located at Milton Point in Rye, under the ownership of none other than Dan Catalano, a familiar name to LIF readers. Carrying a full line of tackle, and all kinds of bait for fresh and salt water fishing, Dan will keep us up with Rye area fishing throughout the season.

Again, flounder are hitting in Rye waters, and even in the bad weather of last mid-week, Bill Bennett turned up close to a dozen in a morning's fishing.

GREENWICH

Russ Van Wynen tells of some early bass reports in Greenwich Cove, always an early season hotspot. Alewives are thick near the dam on the Mianus River, and bass have been seen swirling among these big baitfish. Flounder fishing is excellent in Greenwich Cove, with sandworm sales racing at the Sportsman's Den.

STAMFORD

Chris Chirillo at Pat's Marina has had reports of good flounder fishing at Cummings Pier and Yacht Haven, with the big bait business here a reflection of the meat boycott.

At Jack's Bait & Tackle, Jack had his first contest entry of the season weighed in, and it's a good one. Stamfordite, Dave Jones, traveled to Calf Pasture Pier in Norwalk, and came home with several good flatties, the largest scaling 2 lbs. 5½ ozs. Local hot spots are Weed Beach, Stamford Cove, and Cummings Pier.

DARIEN

Bert Van Sciver at the Bait Shop in Darien has had good flounder reports too. Pear Tree Point has been a hot spot, along with Noroton Pier. In the Norwalk Islands, there's been good action for boatmen inside Sheffield Island, and in Middle Passage. Flounder here are averaging around ¾'s of a pound.

NORWALK

At Overton's, most boats are heading for Sprite Island, always a great flounder spot. Shore-bound fishermen are doing well at Calf Pasture Pier, with big flounder the order of every day. Frank Menlo's catch of last week was taken between Sprite Island and Seymours Rock, says Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box. Bob Utz at Four Winds B & T was just on his way out for a go at Calf Pasture Pier. At Mola Bros. B & T, I caught Rick Mola, who reported on Quincy, which is fished every week by one or the other of the Mola family. Just as an example, Vin took 41 cod and 44 flats last Tuesday, and a similar split bag was taken the week before by Rick. Cod average about 5 lbs., running from one and two pound specimens all the way up to 15 lbs.

WESTPORT

The mouth of the Compo Yacht Basin was a hot spot in this weeks inclement weather. When the boats get out, it's only a short run to Seymours Rock and Sprite Island. Inshore anglers fishing the river aren't doing badly either. Both the Bridge Street Bridge and the park on Riverside Avenue are yielding flatties on a steady basis. Ed Boland is still getting fantastic reports from Penfield Reef, with big flounder from a pound to over 2 pounds hitting like mad. "Hungry" Len Orifice continues to clean up there. Ed found his first blackfish in a lobster pot this week (Len promptly took it home and ate it), and while I had him on the phone, Joe Sirotnik walked in to report his first bass of the year, a 20 incher, taken off St. Mary's By The Sea. Plenty of fishing news from the Westport Tackle Shop.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri of Bob's Bait tells of excellent fishing at the South Benson Breakwater and St. Mary's By The Sea, and comes another bass report. Felix Leja took a four pounder bouncing a bucktail in Bridgeport Harbor. The flounder are running from ¾ to 1 pound.

Sumner Stowe, the fishing consultant at the Sportsman's Den, tells of excellent flatfishing from Bridgeport Harbor to the Milford beaches. Some are running close to three pounds. Stowie took his first school bass of the year at the gun club in Stratford, on a bucktail, and saw a couple of others come to gaff.

NEW HAVEN

Walt Janeczek of Outdoor Sports reports on great flounder fishing in Branford, at Savin Rock, and in Clinton and Niantic and Mystic, with the latter two offering the best. Catfish to 3 lbs. are being taken in the Saybrook and Essex areas of the Connecticut River on mackerel and bunker chunks. White perch are also hitting in this area. CAUTION - the demarcation line is Rte. 1, so a fresh water license is needed even when salt water fishing.

WATERFORD

We called Walt Hillyer at Hillyer's Bait & Tackle. He reports excellent flounder fishing in the Niantic River, and told of a recent tagging program there in which 1,000 flatties were tagged by the Battelle Memorial Institute, Nash Street, Duxbury, Mass., for a research project. Returned tags receive a $2.00 reward. Bass action of winter-over fish is hot in Keeny Cove on bucktails. It's mostly schoolies, with an occasional fish up to 15 lbs. A boat is needed. The sea-run brown trout run is on at the Golden Spur, a spot where feeder streams run into the Niantic. Action should be good through the first of May, with the run beginning again in October. Some white perch and tom cod fishing is going on in the Niantic, and in the ocean, codfish are hitting off Millstone Point.

Among the party boats, John Minnitti, skipper of the "Delmar," has been traveling across to Oyster Bay for fine flounder fishing. The flats are averaging from ¾ of a pound to 1½ lbs. John also saw his first blackfish of the year, floating on the surface there.

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KINGSTON

The small streams along Route 209 are productive for the early season trout angler, according to Roy Schneider of Roy's Bait & Tackle. It's mostly worming with a gob of nightcrawlers for these browns and rainbows, and youngsters like Jimmy Brown usually outfish their peers with this method. Jimmy had his limit of 10 to 12 inch trout on Saturday. Crappies are starting to hit well at the Rifton Power Dam. On the Hudson, catfish are beginning to oblige on herring chunks and worms.

VERPLANCK

Striper fishing is improving in Haverstraw Bay, with the Oyster Beds giving up a few bass on sands and bloodworms. Along the rocks from Crugers to Harmon, casters are using yellow and white bucktails to advantage on fish to 6 lbs. Jim Heady prefers bait fishing now with the cloudy water caused by winds and high tides, and the 6 pounder he weighed in at Ace & Charlie's in Verplanck proves his case.

CROTON POINT

Young Wally Chudosky is showing the rest of the people how to nail bass in Croton Bay. He has had stripers to 6 lbs. all week fishing along the RR tracks. Midge Toub had the largest we heard of last week, a ten pounder. Richie Ferris at the Croton Bait & Tackle also reported some action on trout in the Croton River and Croton Lake.

OSSINING

Crawbuckie Beach is good for stripers with worms or bucktails taking most catches. Outgoing tide is preferred, but true to their unpredictability, stripers will hit most any time. Small boaters should troll yellow bucktails to locate fish, then cast to them, or drift worms.

FORT LEE

Tommy cod are still hitting well and now white perch, catfish and eels are beginning to show. Ken Bay, author of SALTWATER FLIES, called Ed Graser at the Outdoorsmen Ltd. to report a 6 lb. fly rod bass Ken took from Croton Bay wading. Ed, too, had a nice 7 lb. 10 oz. striper early in the week. The Alpine and Englewood Docks in the Interstate Park are good for bass, perch, tommies and eels. Along Edgewater, tommies and bass are hitting well.

The first striper I caught this year was from Croton Bay and had a T.I. (Texas Instruments) tag on it. After returning the tag they informed me of their program in conjunction with a study by Con Ed. Fishermen are urged to help T.I. and return any tagged bass reports to them promptly. One thing their study hopes to prove is the impact of power plants on the Hudson River stock. I thought the AEC had already done this!

EPA POLICY ON WETLANDS ANNOUNCED

Administrator Ruckelshaus announced a new EPA policy intended to protect and preserve the Nation's wetlands, which include marshes, swamps, bogs and other low-lying areas that during some period of the year are covered in part by natural non-flood waters.

Wetlands are important habitats for fur-bearing mammals, many species of fish and waterfowl, and they moderate extremes in water flow, aid in natural purification of water and maintain and recharge ground water. In addition, they are unique recreational areas and contain irreplaceable specimens of fauna and flora.

It will be EPA policy:

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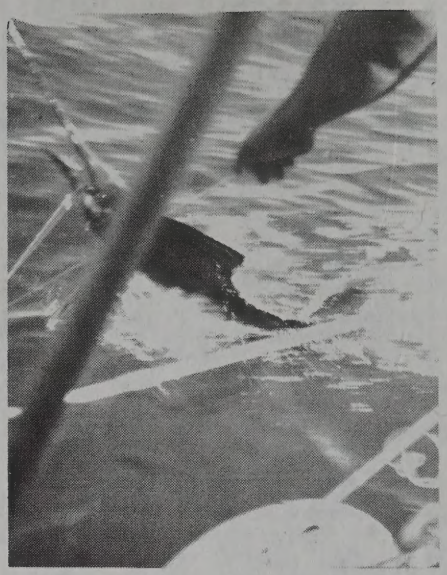
--Not to grant Federal funds for construction of municipal waste water treatment facilities that may interfere with the existing wetland ecosystem except where no alternative of lesser environmental damage is found feasible.

--To consult with the Department of the Interior in determining the probable impact of pollution abatement programs on fish and wildlife in the wetlands.

--To recommend a public hearing in the event of projected significant adverse environmental impact.



Louis Steinhaus, Dick Eberhardt and Dan Olivieri had good sailfish action while vacationing in Acapulco. Photo shows Dan's fish.

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Fri.	4:27	4:59
Sat.	5:20	5:48
Sun.	6:07	6:29
Mon.	6:47	7:08
Tues.	7:26	7:46
Wed.	8:04	8:22
Thur.	8:39	8:58

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Barren Beach	+0	29
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JONES INLET	-0	19
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Zachs Bay	+1	25
Oligo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	7:37	8:09
Fri.	8:38	9:02
Sat.	9:28	9:49
Sun.	10:13	10:30
Mon.	10:56	11:05
Tues.	11:33	11:38
Wed.	------	12:06
Thur.	12:01	12:24

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	6:53	7:25
Fri.	7:53	8:20
Sat.	8:48	9:05
Sun.	9:37	9:51
Mon.	10:19	10:32
Tues.	11:00	11:11
Wed.	11:40	11:51
Thur.	------	12:19

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	5:08	5:42
Fri.	6:11	6:34
Sat.	7:03	7:20
Sun.	7:48	8:03
Mon.	8:31	8:39
Tues.	9:07	9:18
Wed.	9:45	9:56
Thur.	10:26	10:33

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
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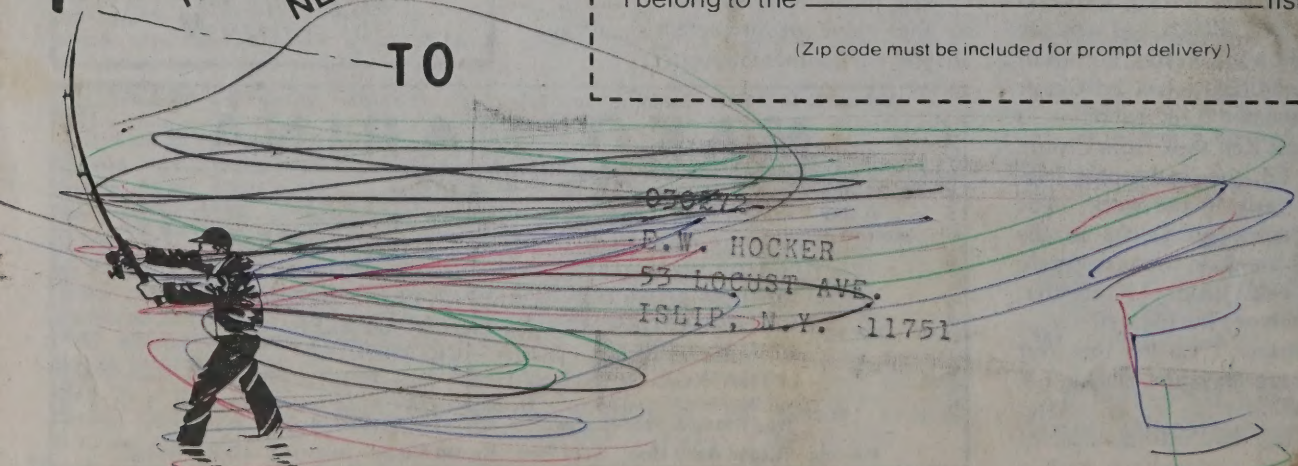

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